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Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976, provide as follows:

"**Article 2**

"1. The Unit shall consist of not more than eleven Inspectors, chosen from among members of national supervision or inspection bodies, or from among persons of a similar competence on the basis of their special experience in national or international administrative and financial matters, including management questions. The Inspectors shall serve in their personal capacity.

"2. No two Inspectors shall be nationals of the same State.

"**Article 3**

"1. Starting from the thirty-second session of the General Assembly, in 1977, the President of the General Assembly shall consult with Member States to draw up, with due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution and of reasonable rotation, a list of countries which would be requested to propose candidates who meet the qualifications mentioned in article 2, paragraph 1, above.

"2. The President of the General Assembly, through appropriate consultations, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination], shall review the qualifications of the proposed candidates. After further consultations, if necessary, with the States concerned, the President of the General Assembly shall submit the list of candidates to the Assembly for appointment.

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"**Article 4**

"1. The duration of the appointments of the Inspectors shall be five years, renewable for one further term ...".

2. At its sixty-third session, the General Assembly, by its decision 63/416 of 20 February 2009, appointed one member to the Joint Inspection Unit for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2010 and expiring on 31 December 2014. As at 1 January 2009, the Joint Inspection Unit was composed of the following 11 members:

Mr. Gérard Biraud (France)*
Mr. Nikolay V. Chulkov (Russian Federation)**
Mr. Papa Louis Fall (Senegal)*
Mr. Even Francisco Fontaine Ortiz (Cuba)**
Mr. Tadanori Inomata (Japan)***
Mr. Mohamed Mounir-Zahran (Egypt)**
Mr. István Posta (Hungary)*
Mr. Enrique Román-Morey (Peru)**
Mr. Cihan Terzi (Turkey)*
Ms. Deborah Wynes (United States of America)**
Mr. Zhang Yishan (China)**

* Term of office expires on 31 December 2010.

** Term of office expires on 31 December 2012.

*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2014.

3. As the term of office of Mr. Gérard Biraud, Mr. Papa Louis Fall, Mr. István Posta and Mr. Cihan Terzi will expire on 31 December 2010, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, at its sixty-fourth session, to appoint four people to fill the resulting vacancies. The people so appointed will serve for a period of five years, beginning on 1 January 2011.

4. By its resolution 61/238, the General Assembly decided that, beginning on 1 January 2008, the President of the General Assembly, when drawing up a list of countries that will be requested to propose candidates, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Unit, will invite Member States to submit the names of the countries and their respective candidates simultaneously, on the understanding that the candidates submitted are the candidates that the respective Member States intend to propose, to the extent possible, for appointment by the General Assembly, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute.

5. Additionally, in its resolution 59/267, the General Assembly stressed the importance of ensuring that candidates have experience in at least one of the following fields: oversight, audit, inspection, investigation, evaluation, finance, project evaluation, programme evaluation, human resources management, management, public administration, monitoring and/or programme performance, as well as knowledge of the United Nations system and its role in international relations.

6. After holding the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute, including consultations with the President of the Economic and Social Council and with the Secretary-General in his capacity as Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, the President of the General Assembly will submit the names of the candidates to the Assembly for appointment.